

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Sub C1 1. (Amended) A filtering device for passing a fluid in a body vessel defined by a wall and for blocking the passage through the vessel of emboli, comprising:

B1 a filtering portion constructed to be disposed in the vessel including a directional member made from a pliable material having properties of blocking the passage of the fluid and the emboli and being expandable by the fluid flow in the vessel to maintain its outer periphery against the vessel wall in order to provide a seal against the passage of the fluid and the emboli through the pliable material, and

a filtering member attached to and disposed interiorly of the directional member and made from a material providing for the passage of the fluid and for the blocking of the emboli, the filtering member being expandable by the expansion of the directional member.

Sub C1 6. (Amended) The filtering device of claim 5, wherein:
B2 the filtering portion is disposed at an acute angle relative to the vessel wall when deployed.

Sub 13. (Amended) A filtering device for passing a fluid in a body vessel defined by a wall and for blocking the passage of particles through the body vessel, comprising:

B3 a filtering portion including a directional member made from a pliable material having properties of blocking the passage of the fluid and the emboli and being expandable by the fluid flow in the vessel to maintain its outer periphery against the vessel wall to provide a seal against the passage of the fluid and the emboli through the pliable material, and

a filtering member attached to the directional member and made from a material which allows body fluid to pass through while blocking particles of a particular size, the directional member directing body fluid into the filtering member, the filtering member being expandable by the expansion of the directional member.

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated October 23, 2002. Claims 1-9 and 13-20 are pending this application. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 6 to correct the Section 112, second paragraph rejection raised by the Examiner. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention. Reconsideration of all of the pending claims is